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## Memorandum

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Subject: Purpose and Role of Interagency Teams in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

I see two very important but distinct purposes that Interagency Teams will have in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program:

- Bringing the technical expertise of the agencies into the planning program
- Ensuring that the appropriate agency staff are reviewing and providing recommendations at each step of the planning process so the co-lead or cooperating agency responsibilities are fulfilled.

Addressing the first purpose, it is my hope that each of the CALFED agencies will participate at a high level in providing review and technical recommendations on (at a minimum) these specific program work products during Phase I:

- Mission statement
- Goals, objectives, project purposes and performance measures
- Problem definition (including geographic scope, issue scope, and level of analysis detail)
- Solution actions
- Preliminary alternatives
- Analysis of the performance of the alternatives
- Proposed short lists of alternatives
- CEQA/NEPA documents (including NOI/NOP, scoping report, etc.)
- Contract procurement documents (Statements of Qualifications, Proposals, etc.)

Since each of these workproducts will be produced sequentially over the next nine months or so, I envision that your agencies technical representative in each of the resources areas (habitat, water quality, water supply reliability, and Delta system vulnerability) would be

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reviewing materials and attending regular meetings which, at times during certain heavy periods, could be scheduled at two week intervals. Additional time may be required of the representatives on the interagency teams to coordinate recommendations on the workproducts through the agency structure.

A related, while separate, role is the co-lead agency role in ensuring that the agencies requirements are being addressed adequately at each step of the planning process. The purpose of having this high level of involvement during each step is to ensure a high level of compliance with the requirements of ESA, 404 permit process, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and all other laws and regulations which the CALFED agencies administer.

It is more difficult for me to estimate the resource commitment necessary for this second role, however, the short time frame which is shown to complete Phase I and the high degree of certainty we need that the short list of alternatives developed in Phase I will meet the compliance test seems to indicate that a strong resource commitment by each of the CALFED agencies is required.

In your role as agency liaison, Lester and I ask that you work with your home agency to identify the technical people in each resource area best suited to fulfill the first role and to work with your home agency management to define the process which best satisfies the compliance role which the agency will play.

Should you have additional questions about the role and purpose of the agency teams please feel free to ask them of myself or Lester.

cc: Lester Snow